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#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

##### **(U) Bakersfield – Man Must Repay \$3.3M in EDD Fraud, Prosecutors Say**

(U) A Bakersfield-area man was sentenced by a Fresno court to nine years in prison and required to repay more than \$3.3 million in fraudulent unemployment benefits claims, according to prosecutors. The five years of fraudulent claims between March 2010 and March 2015 were paid out to Javier Jimenez Alvarez, 52, of Arvin, the US Department of Justice said in a news release. He was sentenced for a count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and a count of conspiracy to launder money in fraud claims of \$3,397,775, the release said.

SOURCE: 13 February 2023, [The Fresno Bee](#)

##### **(U) Oakland – Man Indicted in Undercover Fentanyl Sales Sting**

(U) Edilson Canaca-Rodriguez, of Oakland, was indicted last month on a single count of possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. He was released from pretrial detention at Santa Rita Jail earlier this month, just weeks after a different judge found he was a flight risk, court records show. Canaca-Rodriguez was arrested in an undercover operation by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), which set up fentanyl deals with him in October, November, and December, according to the criminal complaint. In one meet-up, he allegedly sold 300 pills and an ounce of fentanyl powder to an undercover agent. All told, the agent bought about a quarter pound of the drug from him, authorities say.

SOURCE: 13 February 2023, [Mercury News](#)

#### **(U) NATIONAL**

##### **(U) Colorado – Suspect Surrenders After Killing Police K-9 Near School**

(U) Golden – An armed man in central Colorado surrendered to authorities yesterday morning, after a pursuit involving the regional SWAT team that lasted almost five hours, officials said. The suspect, who law enforcement agencies have not yet identified, was apprehended after he shot and killed a K-9 police dog while fleeing the scene, police said. Authorities say the man pointed a handgun at a Golden police officer who chased him toward a wooded area where he evaded officers for several hours. At one point, a police dog assigned to the county sheriff's office successfully tracked the suspect during the pursuit. The suspect fatally shot the animal and a sheriff's deputy returned fire, police said. It was unclear if the suspect was injured.

SOURCE: 13 February 2023, [CBS News](#)

##### **(U) District of Columbia – Man Charged with Impersonating CIA Officer**

(U) Washington – Robert Earhart Jr. allegedly said in a voicemail he was an agent with the Central Intelligence Agency's "protective operations division" with a Top-Secret security clearance, and he needed a meeting with the Department of Justice. The federal official with whom he tried to schedule a meeting unsealed a complaint charging Earhart with false personation of an officer or employee of the

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United States. The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia also alleged that Earhart has a history of representing himself as a federal official. The DOJ said that in May 2019, Earhart identified himself as an agent with the DEA and attempted to free three inmates from Muscogee County Jail in Georgia.

SOURCE: 13 February 2023, [ABC News](#)

### **(U) District of Columbia – Beware of Romance Scams Ahead of Valentine’s Day, FBI Says**

(U) Washington – Valentine’s Day is not just a time to celebrate love and friendship, according to the FBI, it also presents opportunities for con artists. In online romance scams, fraudsters take advantage of people looking for romantic partners on dating sites, apps or social media by obtaining access to their financial or personal information. They look to establish a relationship as soon as possible and endear themselves to the victim, officials explained. Romance scams and other confidence schemes have led to the highest amounts of financial losses compared to other internet-facilitated crimes, officials said. Around 19,000 victims reported more than \$700 million in losses last year, according to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center.

SOURCE: 13 February 2023, [KTLA5](#)

### **(U) Michigan – Three Students Killed, Five Critically Wounded in Shooting at Michigan State University**

(U) East Lansing – Three students were killed, and five others were critically wounded in a shooting at Michigan State University, authorities said. The suspected shooter was later found dead in Lansing of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, police said. Law enforcement officials at the university identified the suspect as Anthony Dwayne McRae, a 43-year-old man with no apparent affiliation to the school. McRae was neither a current nor former student or faculty member at Michigan State, said Chris Rozman, the university's interim deputy chief of police and public safety.

SOURCE: 14 February 2023, [CBS News](#)

### **(U) Missouri – Kansas City Officer Shot in Police Headquarters After Super Bowl**

(U) Kansas City – A Kansas City police officer was hit by gunfire and wounded at the department's headquarters shortly after the Chiefs won the Super Bowl, authorities said. The officer was shot just before 9:30 p.m. Sunday at the police department in downtown Kansas City. The Kansas City Police Department said the officer's injuries are not life-threatening. The source and motive of the gunfire are unknown. Detectives are investigating. No further information was immediately released.

SOURCE: 13 February 2023, [CBS News](#)

### **(U) New York – Eight injured, Two critically, After U-Haul Van Drives Into Pedestrians**

(U) Brooklyn – Eight people were injured after someone drove a U-Haul van into pedestrians in New York City, an official with the Fire Department of New York said. The incident began when police pulled over the rented van. The driver evaded police, striking several pedestrians. He was taken into custody shortly after a few blocks away. Out of an abundance of caution, officials said, the bomb squad searched the back of the truck. It was filled with items indicating the suspect may have been living out of it in recent days.

SOURCE: 13 February 2023, [CNN](#)

## **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Brazil – Police Arrest Teenager in Thwarted School Attack**

(U) Sao Paulo – Police in Brazil arrested a teenager accused of trying to attack a school with explosives while wearing a Nazi armband. Sao Paulo police said the 17-year-old was arrested with explosives and a hatchet, and that he had been filmed removing these items from a car parked outside the school. Police

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also said they seized an airsoft gun and Nazi propaganda at the teenager's home. No-one was injured in the incident, the city hall said in a statement.

SOURCE: 13 February 2023, [AP News](#)

### **(U) Mexico – Cartel Member Suspected of Leading Fentanyl Trade Arrested**

(U) Sinaloa – Mexico's defense ministry said Sunday that security forces had arrested a suspected top cartel member accused of leading the region's production of fentanyl, which has killed thousands in the United States. The suspect is described as being a leading logistics chief for the famed narco trafficker known as "Mayo Zambada," who jointly headed the powerful Sinaloa cartel. "It should be noted that the accused is considered the main producer of fentanyl and methamphetamine pills, in addition to carrying out the large-scale transfer of cocaine from Central and South America to the U.S," the ministry said in a statement.

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